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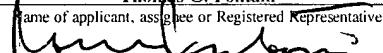
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**RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR ELECTION
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SIR:

Applicants hereby request a one-month extension of the original shortened statutory response period set in the Office Action of October 2, 2002. A check in the amount of \$110.00 in payment of the government fee for a one-month extension of time is enclosed herewith.

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated October 2, 2002, applicants submits as follows:

Applicants elects the invention of Group I (Claims 31-52 and 58-63) for further prosecution in the above captioned application.

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Any additional fees or charges required at this time in connection with the application may be charged to our Patent and Trademark Office Deposit Account No. 03-2412.

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